

THE POLYNESIAN.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1854.

BY AUTHORITY.

The following official correspondence on the melancholy event of the death of the late KING, and on the accession to the HAWAIIAN THRONE of HIS MAJESTY, KING KAMEHAMEHA IVTH, is published for general information.

OPEN CIRCULAR.

To all Foreign Diplomatic and Consular Agents at the King's Court, and round by special messenger, at 12 noon, on the 15th December, to be shown to each, and re-produced to each, on the 16th.

It has pleased Almighty God to remove, from this world, His late Majesty, KING KAMEHAMEHA III, at the Palace, this day, at a quarter before 12 A.M.

R. C. WYLLIE.

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His Royal Highness, PRINCE LIHOLILU, has ascended the Throne under the style of KAMEHAMEHA IV, and has been proclaimed KING of the HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

GOD PRESERVE THE KING.

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To all Foreign Diplomatic and Consular Agents, at the King's Court.

Department of Foreign Relations.

City of Honolulu, Dec. 16, 1854.

SIR—I have the honor to enclose to you two printed copies of the Proclamation of the Advent, to the Hawaiian Throne, of His Royal Highness, PRINCE LIHOLILU, under the style of KAMEHAMEHA IVTH, in the forty-second year of his age and twenty-ninth year of his reign, yesterday, in his Palace, at a quarter before 12 A.M.

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Your most obedient humble servant,

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To all the late King's Diplomatic and Consular Agents, residing in foreign friendly countries.

Department of Foreign Relations.

City of Honolulu, Dec. 16, 1854.

SIR—It is my painful duty to notify you, of the death of His late Majesty, KING KAMEHAMEHA III, in the forty-second year of his age and twenty-ninth year of his reign, yesterday, in his Palace, at a quarter before 12 A.M.

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To the Representatives at the King's Court of the three great Maritime Nations.

The undersigned has the honor to notify you, that the Royal Salute of Etiquette for the Commencement of the REIGN of His Majesty, KAMEHAMEHA IVTH, will be fired by the Fort this day, at 12 noon.

PALACE, Dec. 16, 1854.

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CIRCULAR.

To all the Governors of Islands.

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The undersigned is commanded by the King in Privy Council to make known to you, that it has pleased Almighty God, to remove from this world, our beloved Sovereign, His late Majesty, KAMEHAMEHA III; and that His Royal Highness, PRINCE LIHOLILU, has been declared, and publicly proclaimed to be his late Majesty's Successor, according to the Constitution of the Land. LIHOLILU is now KING of the Hawaiian Islands.

Immediately on the receipt of this letter, you are commanded to place the Hawaiian Flag at half mast, and, if possible, to fire 41 minute guns, that number being the years of his late Majesty's age. You will also have all the Church bells tolled in the several Districts of your Island, for the period of one hour. The National Ensign is to be kept at half mast for two weeks after the receipt of this order.

On the same day after the firing of the minute guns, and the tolling of the bells out of respect to the memory of His Majesty, KAMEHAMEHA III, you will proclaim, in person, at the seat of your Government, PRINCE LIHOLILU, under the style of KAMEHAMEHA IV, by reading the enclosed proclamation, in Hawaiian and English, in at least three public places—and cause the proclamation to be read, in all the Churches, and to be made under the National Standard in every District of your Island, having first given notice to the people of the several Districts to assemble for the purpose of the reading of the proclamation.

The Funeral Obsequies of His late Majesty will take place on Saturday, the 20th December, commencing at 12 o'clock M., and you are requested to use your influence to have the people assemble in their several Churches at that time, and pay suitable respect to the memory of our beloved Sovereign.

(Signed) WILLIAM L. LEE, Chancellor.

* The day of the funeral, has since, by order of the King and Privy Council, been postponed till Saturday, the 6th of January, 1855.

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The following official replies have been received, and are published in the order of their dates:

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But while I regret the loss of His late Majesty, I am cheered by the announcement that his place has been filled by so worthy a successor.

You will therefore please convey to His Majesty my cordial congratulations on his ascent to the throne—so well deserved, and my sincere hopes that he may reign long and prosperously, and be pleased to accept the assurance of my profound respect, with which I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedient, humble servant,

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To His Excellency R. C. WYLLIE, H. M. Majesty's Minister of Foreign Relations, &c., &c.

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European News.—Three days later.

By the mail from New York of the 5th of November, which arrived at this port on the 24th inst. we have three days later intelligence from Europe, bringing down our advices to the 21st of October from Liverpool.

The following are the only items:

England.

The British Parliament is further prorogued to the 16th of November.

The English papers publish a list of the private soldiers killed and wounded at Alma.

The national subscription for the sick and wounded had reached £6,000, and a regiment of women had been organized as nurses, and would be sent immediately to Scutari.

The British steamers Ganges and Persia, with troops on board, came in violent collision in the Sea of Marmora, and both were badly damaged.—An officer was crushed to death in his berth.

France.

There is nothing of political interest from France.

Spain.

The Ministry have abandoned the